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THE EVENING STAR has the fullest local circulation of any newspaper in the world, and as an advertising medium is worth more than all the other papers published in Washington.

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A curious human compound was the "mind-reader," Washington Irving Bishop, who has just died under circumstances as dramatic as any in which he passed his brief but changeable life. What he termed mind-reading was really nothing more than the art of detecting, through involuntary muscular movements on the part of the persons who were acting as subjects for his experiments, their impulses in any particular direction. Everybody possesses the natural power to a greater or less degree, but it requires a nervous organism of peculiar susceptibility to succeed in what he did. He was probably the best performer in the world of what is known as the hand-note-reading, being known only to his subject. His faculty for finding carefully-concealed objects at a distance was very keen also, and he had enough of the showman's instinct coupled with his extraordinary nervous susceptibility to give his muscle-reading the appearance of occultism, realizing that the public would pay money, a rare, for something which remained a mystery to them, and that which was candidly explained. His temperamental peculiarities made him suspicious and irritable and caused him to be continually in hot water with somebody, often with friends who were exerting themselves to be of service to him, but whose motives he misconstrued. That the nervous over-strain to which he constantly subjected himself should have impaired his strength and finally caused his death by sudden collapse, will not astonish anyone who had a chance to study his nature and his work at close range.

Another decision in the Myers Clark Gaines case leaves most of the public in a more hopeful mood than ever as to the condition of the estate and the status of the litigation over it. One generation in interest has already passed away and another is getting far along in life, while a third is coming upon the stage and preparing to carry on the fight from the point where the others dropped it. The whole thing recalls, more strongly perhaps than any other case in the annals of American jurisprudence, the *Jardine vs. Jardine* case, which has passed from a place in purely imaginative literature into a byword for the illustration of everything that is tedious and involved in legal warfare. Like the other "final decisions" of the Gaines case, the one of yesterday leaves numerous opportunities for continuing the litigation. Doubtless the case will survive to celebrate its centennial.

The controversy over the attitude of General Clinton B. Fisk in national politics has finally brought forth an authoritative statement from him that he is as strong a prohibitionist as ever, but will be glad to unite with all the good temperance people of his state to overthrow the liquor law. Practically, this is treated as an announcement of intention to act with the republicans of the state to overthrow the democratic legislature, which has disgraced the prohibitionists by its course, with an expressed reservation of the right to serve the republicans in the same way if their course shall be disappointing. The declaration is rendered of some importance by the fact that the prohibitionists hold the balance of power in the state.

It is reported that a schooner has dashed against and damaged itself upon a ledge of rock in the Georgetown harbor. Flats, and not rock-reefs, have been considered the drawback upon the capital's marine commerce. This casualty suggests the possibility that with the defining of a narrower and deeper channel of the Potomac by means of the pending harbor improvement the mortifying lack of water to float vessels may no longer be imputed to the river of the capital. The fact that the schooner energetically struck a rock instead of ignominiously running aground in soft mud is distinctly encouraging, especially as the damage done causes the disaster to resemble not so much the recent calamity at Asia as the historic wreck in the "raging canal." If Congress will perform faithfully its flat-filling duties Georgetown may renew its ancient trading glories, and the capital, as a commercial city, may be happy yet.

Much comment has been drawn from the press all over the country by the news of the notice served by the proprietor of a broom factory in Duluth upon the unmarried men in his employ that they must find themselves wives or get out. The general idea seems to be that he is a crank on the subject of matrimony, or that he has so much at stake in the improvement of Duluth that he is bound to increase its population to the extent of his power. All the commentators have so far seen to have overlooked the theory that this manufacturer has had an interesting conjugal experience himself, which has taught him that an energetic wife, with ideas of her own to impress upon her husband, can put brooms to more than one use, and thus create an extra demand to repair the ravages of domestic consumption.

Governor Hill will not advance himself in the good opinion of the honest political reformers by his latest veto of the Saxton bill to reform the bill. He claims that there are other ways, more practical and effective, for procuring the result which this measure purports to aim at, but he does not mention any; he declares that the provisions of the Saxton bill would be very easily evaded, but he does not say how. There is no logic in such reasoning. It is merely the opposition of Mr. Hill's unsupported say-so to the deliberate judgment of scores of able writers of all parties, backed by the experience of communities in which the same thing has been tried with success. Unless the New York legislature is bound up in "deals" and trickery, which a fair and unprejudiced ballot would overthrow, the best thing it can do to prove its straightforwardness is to pass the bill over the governor's veto without further debate.

The horse which fell upon Richard Mansfield in Eton row the other day is probably not one he has ever before been offering his kingdom for every night since the run of "Richard the III" began.

A recently published work on "The Art of Advertising" says: "A point which will afford reliable information as to the value of a publication as an advertising medium is the closeness with which the publisher adheres to his advertising rates." The Star invariably holds to its rates; and, what is of greater importance to the advertiser, it charges everybody the same price for the same service. This few papers do!

GET THE BEST.
THE OXONORD HARNESSES.

407 Penn. ave., adjoining National Hotel.
Trunks and Satchels of best makes at low prices.
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MRS. M. J. HUNT.
1309 F STREET NORTHWEST.
Has just returned from New York and will be prepared to display a full line of the latest importation of dress materials.

THURSDAY, May 9.
To display a full line of the latest importation of dress materials.

EMERALD LAWN GLASS SEED-BUCKEYE
and other fine glass seed and test in new, Bulbs and Flower Seeds. SEND DORF & CO. 1100 7th St. N.W., opposite Central Market. my1-in

HAND BLOCK PRINTED SATINE
ROBES REDUCED FROM \$12.50 TO \$8. OUR
WHOLE STOCK OF PRINTED SATINES. THE
FINEST GOODS AND BEST STYLES REDUCED
TO 50c PER YARD.

FINEST AND BEST FRENCH CHALLIS REDUCED TO 50c.

DRESS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

DRESS PATTERNS AT REDUCED PRICES.

BARGAINS IN INDIA SILKS REDUCED FROM \$1.75 TO 75c.

PURE LINEN LAWS AT 25c.

STRIPED DIMITY, FAST COLORS, AT 15c.

NORTH 30.

HEMSTITCHED INDIA LINEN, NEW LACES AND NETS.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED ANOTHER LOT OF BLACK CHANTILLY FLOUNCING AT \$2.50 WORTH \$3.

UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY.

MOHAIR SKIRTS \$1.50.

NEGLIGE SHIRTS IN GREAT VARIETY.

W. M. SHUSTER & SONS.

910 PENN. AVE. N.W.

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A WORD ABOUT HAND-MADE SHOES.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A HAND-MADE SHOE? NOT A SHOE MADE ALL OVER BY HAND-SEWING; THAT WOULD BE VERY CLUMSY. THE UPPERS ARE CUT BY MEASURE OF THE FOOT IN SIZE, AND STITCHED BY MACHINE. THE SOLES ARE CUT AND THE TWO PUT TOGETHER BY A SKILLED SHOEMAKER, ON BENCH, WITH A WAXED END. SUCH WORK IS EXPENSIVE, AND IS ONLY DONE NOWADAYS ON THE BEST MATERIAL. MUCH MACHINE WORK THAT LOOKS LIKE HAND WORK IS SAID TO BE HAND WORK, BUT IT IS NOT. HAND WORK IS ONLY PUT ON GOOD MATERIAL. OUR SHOES ARE PRICED ACCORDING TO LEATHER AND GOOD HAND WORK.

BEST HAND-MADE SHOES FOR MEN.

LIGHT CALF, \$4 TO \$7.

KANGAROO LACE AND OXFORDS, \$4.50 TO \$7.

RUSSET LACE AND OXFORDS, \$3.50 TO \$6.

PATENT LEATHER, \$5.

MEN'S TENNIS, \$3.

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J. C. HUTCHINGS.

HAMBURG.

600 pieces of fine Cambric and Mullin Edgings. Choice patterns, all widths.

The choicest line of fine, dainty Edgings in the city. 100 pieces fine Cambric Edgings (11 in. wide, never retailed less than 50c.).

100 pieces fine Cambric Edgings (5 in. wide, regular 25c. goods).

At 15c. a yard.

Wide Ice Tones Nets reduced to 85c. a yard.

12 pieces of Black Chantilly Flossing, worth \$2.50. At \$1.25 a yard.

Fine Flouncings as high as \$13.50 yd.

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B. ROBINSON & CO'S NOVELTIES.

The hardy fishermen of the Channel Islands, lying about mid-way between France and England-Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark-were the first to invent and reduce to practical purposes a suit that while clinging closely to the form-gives to the wearer the most perfect freedom of movement-and presents a most picturesque appearance-These are what are called "Jersey Suits" in America, worn by smaller boys. So rakish. So comfortable. So closely clinging as to outline perfectly the youngsters form and make him look like a "Puck" or "Cupid." As there's nothing known for youngsters under at home or abroad that we haven't got-we've got these "Jerseys"-size 4 to 8.

A greater variety of grades and colors, perhaps, than you'll find south of New York. Woolen Shirt Waists, too, combine comfort and ease. We've got them in every shade of every color, and in almost every combination of colors; absolutely the best fitting waists that are made. In Linen and Percale Waists we lead the District in styles and patterns. Every waist warranted to fit. We passed the experimental period of our career many years ago, so that the makes of waists we handle and sell we've culled from the world's best offerings. We never load up with waists because they're "cheap"-cheapness isn't the only element that we demand in the goods we handle. As it is with Shirt Waists, so with suits, with everything we handle for the boys, and as our house is devoted EXCLUSIVELY to the Boys' and Children's Clothing Business you'll have to have a vivid imagination to conjure up anything in the clothing line-possessing merit, of course-that we haven't got.

B. ROBINSON & CO.

THE BOYS' IDEAL CLOTHIERS.

909 PA. AVE.

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JENSE JONES & CO.

CONFECTIONERS FINE PAPER BOXES.

615 Commerce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Write for descriptive list. my14-16-18

FRANK M. LEWIS.

JEWELLER, SILVERSMITH

AND

DEALER IN FINE STATIONERY.

A LARGE AND HANDSOME STOCK OF

STERLING SILVER AND SILVER-PLATED

BRUSHES AND COMBS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

144-4m

1215 PENNA. AVE.

NEW DESIGNS IN FINE ART

EMBROIDERY for summer work will be commenced for the next ten days free of charge.

New designs in Center Cloths at \$1.25.

Dresses to match at \$1.50 per pair. A new line of Hundreds of entirely new pieces of Fine and Durable Linens at a discount for a few days.

We will open next week our School of China Painting, when we will teach all the branches of China and Royal Worcester work. Our specialty will be matching old and valuable pieces of china; also firing of china. Embroidery Classes now being formed. Special discount will be made for lessons during the summer months.

SILK FRINGES

Made to order to match all the new shades in dress material.

S. OPPENHEIMER & BRO.

514 5th Street N.W.

DECORATIVE ART ROOM.

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THE PRUNING KNIFE IN NECKWEAR
The continuing warm weather throws a wet blanket on medium neckwear. Thin, airy stuffs are wanted. We can't blame you, but all the same we've got 250 dozen fine Silk Ties left on our hands. In the ordinary course of events they would have been the things for a month or six weeks to come. The unexpected is always happening, though-and here they are with little or no call for them. We've put the pruning knife to work trimming off the stock, and what are just a little "off season"-75c. and 50c. Scarfs every one of them-we've marked 35c.-3 for \$1. Two hundred and fifty dozen only-a very small quantity. The colors are bright. The patterns all right for wear now. Some of 'em in one of our windows for you to look at. 35c.-3 for \$1.

FRENCH.

Absolutely so. We've got a grade of real, genuine French Balbriggan Underwear. Fresh from the Parisian market. M.M. Boubon & Co. are the makers. They've got a world-wide reputation and they deserve it. They make creditable underwear-and nothing else. 65c. per piece is what we are asking for it. We hesitated about advertising the price-it seems cheap for imported underwear-but we believe you've sufficient confidence in us to take our say-so-and the price is an advantage in your favor-Ours too, for we've got the most of this grade that came over-All sizes.

A DOLLAR A SUIT.

Fifty cents per piece for balbriggan undergarments-There's plenty of 50c. qualities floating around town-but the price is cheap and so is the underwear-Our price is cheap-but we deny the charge for our Balbriggan-They're the best we ever saw for 50c.-They'd make good 65c. or 75c. stock-Full, regular made, neatly finished-All sizes.

FORCING THE SEASON.

We don't want to do that-We may be a few weeks early but it's just as well for you to know in advance that Trunks and Traveling Bags are included in our volume of Outfittings-When you get ready to make a start-bear this in mind-All sorts of trunks from the solid, sole leather to the zinc covered-All shapes, little or big-Commodious and light-Base in all sizes, shapes and colors-made up in tough, knock-about leather or canvas-We'll make you about these later.

SAKS AND COMPANY.

DISBURSERS OF MEN'S NECESSITIES.

SEVENTH STREET AND MARKET SPACE.

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WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?

THE WEATHER OF LAST WEEK ADMONISHES EVERY ONE THAT A CHANGE IN APPAREL IS NECESSARY.

WHAT SHALL I GET?

IS THE QUESTION EVERY ONE ASKS HIMSELF OR SOME ONE ELSE. CAN WE ANSWER IT? WE THINK SO. IF YOUR TASTE IS FOR LIGHT COLORS, THE

CASSIMERE AND CHEVIOT SUITS

ARE STYLISH, COMFORTABLE AND CHEAP.

IF YOU PREFER DARK COLORS, THE

BLACK OR BLUE SERGE SUITS

ARE THE BEST IN THE MARKET.

BOTH STYLES ARE MADE UP IN SACK AND COUTAWAY COATS, AND ARE REALLY THE POPULAR GOODS FOR SUMMER WEAR.

SERGES AND CHEVIOTS ARE LOOSELY WOVEN GOODS, MADE FROM HARD, TWISTED YARN. THE WEAVE ENABLES THE AIR TO PASS THROUGH VERY READILY, THUS MAKING THEM COOL, AND THE YARN BEING HARD TWISTED IS VERY DURABLE.

FOR MID-DAY USE.

SILKS, PONGEE, SEERSUCKER, MOHAIR, ALPACA, DRAP D'ETRE, SCILLIAN OR LINEN COATS AND VESTS, OR IN BLACK GOODS, COATS ONLY, ARE HERE TO SELECT FROM, AND THE STYLES ARE THE NEWEST AND BEST.

E. B. BARNUM & CO.

601 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

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GREAT MARK-DOWN SALE

AT

814 SEVENTH STREET N. W.

COLORED HATS

For LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN, must and will be sold regardless of cost.

CHILDREN'S HATS, all the latest shapes and all colors; former price, 90c.

MARK-DOWN PRICE, 63c.

LADIES' HATS, all shapes and all colors; former price, 87c.

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We are now displaying all the latest shapes in White and Black Milans and Fancy Brads.

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POPULAR SHOPPING PLACE.

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7TH, 8TH AND D STREETS.

75c.

About 500 White and Fancy Vests, worth from \$1.25 to \$1.50, are now being sold at 75c. They will soon be all sold.

Are you hard to fit in a suit? Unusually long or short and stout? Just give us a trial. The chances are we'll make you a better suit than you have ever worn, and at a saving of not less than 25 percent.

FOR BOYS 14 TO 18.

We show a well-selected stock. Prices from \$3.75 to \$10. Our line of Pants ranges from \$1.50 for all-wool Cheviot to \$6.75 for the best Worsters. Equal to any sold for 25 percent more anywhere. At

ONE-PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE.

311 7TH ST. N.W.

OUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS' worth of Furniture, Carpets, and Upholstery, have been put on a new line for August 1st, and we have rented my buildings to a new firm for the purpose of selling them at a new price. We have a complete stock of goods, and as they do not want my stock I am compelled to sell it by this time to give them possession of the stores, as they want to open with a new stock entirely. Give me a call before purchase, as I shall sell for cash only, as I am closing up my business. WASH. L. WILLIAMS.

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